

## NATIONAL PRIORITIES (questions):

Number	National Questions (circle YES or NO)	Questions to Determine National Questions (If any question is yes then the related National Question is yes.)
1	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations? YES or NO	1. Is an animal waste system being installed? or 2. If this is a livestock operation, will the installation of this contract result in the exclusion or limited access of all livestock from a sensitive areas? or 3. Will this contract result in the installation of adequate buffers to protect sensitive areas? or 4. Will this contract result in reducing sheet and rill soil erosion from greater than T to less than T? or 5. Will this contract result in practices that address gully erosion?
2	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation? YES or NO	Will this contract result in the installation of water conservation measures such as one of the following? 1. Replaces livestock watering systems that use city water with a livestock watering system that provides for exclusion or limited access of livestock to springs, ponds, streams or other natural sources of water? or 2. Replaces overhead irrigation systems with drip irrigation systems? or 3. Installation of micro irrigation systems? or 4. Installation of control systems for pivot irrigation systems - to schedule timing of irrigation, as well as data loggers (to inform farmers at a remote location when to stop irrigation)? or 5. Installation of a water re-cycling system where flush water is used to move animal waste? or 6. Conversion of dairy parlors or swine housing to scrape rather than flush systems?
3	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards? YES or NO	1. Is an animal waste system being installed? or 2. Will the participant use some form of Nitrogen injection or use urease inhibitor or polymer coated urea ? or 3. For dry broiler operations is an acidifying litter amendment (such as PLT, AIClear, PoultryGuard) being used at the rates recommended to control ammonia emissions? or 4. Are other ammonia control measures being used to reduce ammonia emissions from livestock operations? or 5. If dust emissions are a problem on the operation, are measures being used to control them?
4	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land? YES or NO	1. Will this contract result in reducing sheet and rill soil erosion from greater than T to less than T? or 2. Will this contract result in practices that address gully erosion? or 3. Will this contract result in practices of streambank or shoreline protection? or 4. Will this contract result in the exclusion or limited access of all livestock from sensitive areas (streams, lakes, pond, sinkholes, wetlands etc)?
5	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation? YES or NO	1. Will this contract result in exclusion or limited access of livestock to streams, sinkholes, wetlands, or other natural water bodies? or 2. Will this contract result in the installation of native warm season grasses or wildlife enhancement practices? or 3. Will this contract result in the establishment or improvement of a forest riparian buffer, native warm season grass filter strip or field border, or a tree/shrub field border? or 4. Will this contract result in the installation of streambank or shoreline protection practices? or 5. Will this contract result in the treatment of invasive species (kudzu or privet)? or 6. Will this contract result in improvement of forest health or wildlife habitat by exclusion of livestock from woodlands or other wildlife plantings.